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SUBJECT: CUL PRES: JOSE LIMON; EXHIBIT: PHOTOGRAPHY - USA

REF: A) STATE 41815; B) SOFIA 287; C) STATE 42851

1. AMBASSADOR WED 26 FEB PRESENTED PAPERS ON BOTH LIMON AND PHOTO EXHIBIT TO CHAVDAR DAMYANOV, ACTING DIRECTOR, MFA CULTURAL COOPERATION DEPT. DAMYANOV REACTED MORE POSITIVELY THAN WE HAD EXPECTED. FOR EXAMPLE, HE SUGGESTED DOWNTOWN EXHIBIT HALL AS POSSIBLE SITE FOR EXHIBIT. MOST IMPORTANTLY, DAMYANOV PROMISED AT LEAST TENTATIVE ANSWER TO BOTH PROPOSALS WITHIN ONE WEEK (REFTEL A, PARA 4).

2. STATE REFTEL A, PARAS 1, 2: WE OFFERED BULGARIANS ALTERNATIVES OF (A) PROVIDING ALL TRANSPORTATION ATHENS-BULGARIA-ATHENS/ISTANBUL OR (B) PREFERABLY PAYING HONORARIUM ("SUGGESTED AMOUNT \$3,000 PER PERFORMANCE"). DAMYANOV NOTED LOCAL IMPRESARIO AGENCY "SOFIACONCERT" OFTEN UNABLE PAY FULL HONORARIUM IN CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY. WE PRESUME SOMEWHAT SMALLER AMOUNT IN CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO LARGER AMOUNT OF WHICH, SAY, HALF WAS PAID IN LEVA.

3. USIA: WE NEED SOONEST PUBLICITY MATERIALS ON LIMON COMPANY REQUESTED BY DAMYANOV. FILM OR, PREFERABLY, VTR WOULD BE MOST USEFUL. FILMS LISTED IN USIA (IMV/R) FILM LOAN CATALOG ("LAMENT," "LANGUAGE OF DANCE") VERY OUT-OF-DATE. BROCHURES AND OTHER ILLUSTRATED PUBLISHED

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MATERIALS ALSO NEEDED.

4. USIA: REFTEL B, PARA 1: DISCUSSION OF EXHIBIT COULD NOT GO INTO SPECIFICS SINCE WE LACKED INFORMATION ON ITS DIMENSIONS AND BASIC TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS. WE ARE EXPEDITING TO DAMYANOV INFORMATION IN REFTEL C RECEIVED AFTER MEETING.

5. REFTEL B, PARA 3: AS EXPECTED, DAMYANOV ASKED IF WE HAD ANY WORD OF THRACIAN ARTS EXHIBIT, SAYING IT HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY EARMARKED FOR U.S. SOMETIME DURING 1976. BULGARIANS APPEAR TO PREFER EXHIBIT GO TO U.S. FROM LONDON IN SPRING; OTHERWISE IT WILL GO TO BRAZIL.
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